Conditions.

(*a*) The collection of dry and dead sandalwood and ground-hidden roots shall be extended to all State Forests, District Forests, Amrut Mahal Kavals, assessed and unassessed Government waste lands and to such of Inam, Jodi, Khayamgutta and Sarvamanya villages as of which, the holders are not entitled to the sandalwood either by sannads or judicial decrees.

(*b*) With regard to the removal of sandalwood from private holdings, only such of the trees as have been marked by the departmental subordinates shall be removed with the previous written permission of the Range Officer.

(*c*) The collection shall be confined to dead, fallen and decaying sandal trees and to ground-hidden roots. On no account shall green and mature trees be uprooted. Axes should not, as far as possible, be used in uprooting and rough preparation of sandalwood. All trees must be properly uprooted leaving no pieces of roots containing heartwood in the ground.

(*d*) The sandalwood uprooted shall be roughly dressed in the jungle leaving a thin layer of less than half an inch of whitewood and shall be carted to the Koti. Each consignment to the Koti shall be covered by a passport issued by the departmental subordinates (Range Officer). The trees should not be cut into billets; but when the trees are very long, it may be sawn with saw into two pieces or more according to circumstances so as to conveniently carry them on cart. All earth must be removed from the trees. After uprooting the tree, the bark and whitewood surrounding the heartwood should be carefully removed with the adze and hatchet as far as can be done without wasting any heartwood.

(*e*) The sandal so collected must be carted to the Bangalore Sandal Koti then and there as far as possible, but when unavoidably delayed for want of carts or on account of heavy rains, etc., they should be made over to (1) the Patel of the village near which it is collected, and (2) if it is collected in a State Forest to the Forester or the beat guard in charge of the State Forest, as the case may be. The contractor shall, however, bind himself to collect and cart to Koti all the contracted quantity before the end of December 1940.

(*f*) The successful tenderer shall see that no injury is caused to the State Forests or property situated therein in the course of his operation and in the event of any such thing occurring through his negligence or of his men, he shall be made liable as per departmental rules. In case the sandal collected by him is damaged by fire or stolen, the loss sustained by the Government in that behalf has to be borne by the contractor himself which will be recoverable as an arrear of land revenue.

(*g*) Dead sandal trees fallen or standing on assessed occupied lands should be felled, only if they are marked by the Range Officer beforehand, and under his written authority.

(*h*) The branches and top-pieces containing heartwood of the tree felled should also be roughly dressed as aforesaid and sent to the Koti. Pieces containing heartwood should under no circumstances be left uncollected.

(*i*) The contract shall not be sublet and should be worked out by himself (the successful tenderer).

(*j*) Should the collection and carting of sandalwood to the Koti be found unsatisfactory, the District Forest Officer will immediately cancel the contract and shall make other arrangements for working out the contracted quantity at the risk of the contractor.

(*k*) Payment of charges shall be made as per procedure now in practice upon the sandalwood and ground-hidden roots received in the Koti and duly weighed out there and for which Koti receipt is produced, *viz.*, on the net weight after deducting the usual dringe of 2 cwts. and 36 lbs. per ton out of gross weight. Fraction of a rupee in the totals of bills amounting to Rs. 25 or more will be rounded to the nearest rupee. The total of bills less than Rs. 25 will be rounded to the nearest anna.

(*l*) In the event of the breach of any of the conditions specified above, the District Forest Officer is competent to impose a reasonable fine and deduct the same either out of the collection charges or the Security Deposit amount and cancel his contract.

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Abstract Notification dated 25th May 1940.

The attention of the public is invited to the detailed notification dated 21st May 1940, regarding the sale of Mango Crop of Talkad Plantation in T.-Narsipur Taluk (Chamarajnagar Range) for 1940-42, proposed to be held at Talkad on 18th June 1940, published on pages 1200-1202, Part VI of the *Mysore Gazette*, dated 30th May 1940.

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